

**Connelly looks** set to announce

run for mavor

**POLITICS** Invitations have been sent out, a website

was set up, then taken down, and betting money

important announcement'

today at the Strathcona

Community Association,

and armchair politicians

that Connelly is ready to

dug up the joeformayor.ca

website, signalling to many

move ahead politically. The rookie Ward 6 alder-

man has been rumoured

to be eyeing the mayor's

Hughes and John Lord.

chair and would join Paul

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver is also expected to announce

a possible run at the may-

oralty during a block party

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near the end of April.

has Ward 6 Ald. Joe Con-

nelly today

announcing

a run for

Select guests and

media were

sent an invitation for 'an

mayor.



Front to back: Ike Stoodley, Colin Dinh, Tito Adeniyi, Savanah Hornbeck, Jordanne Harris and Alfred Gomez are part of the Bishop Grandin glee club, who have found inspiration in the hit TV series Glee, "Gleeks" waited for months for last night's new episode

# Calgary students find their inner 'Gleeks'

Bishop Grandin singers boosted by TV show's popularity



Playoffs pg 8

# **Teams vie for Stanley Cup**

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Who says it's not cool to belong in the Glee Club? Not these Calgary Gleeks. Although the Bishop

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Grandin High School has been known for its choral program since the early 90s, enrolment has skyrocketed since the hit Fox program Glee hit the small screen and took the continent by storm, according to choral director Nina White-Baille.

The Grandin program usually boasts over 100 students, but White-Baille says enrolment will jump

Nina White-Baille, choral director

to over 150 for next year. "I think it shows that kids don't have to be tied to one thing in school they can do two things, or three things," White-Baille

Fans of Glee waited patiently for four months in anticipation of last night's

Third-year member Ike Stoodley, 17, is not surprised the school's choral

popular, with so many stu-

everyone knows the jocks like sports or football, and nobody realized the geeks have things they like to do, too, and with the show I think people see we like stuff, too," Stoodley said.

And 16-year-old secondyear choral student Jordanne Harris agrees.

"I think before people thought choral was just

singing but now it's like they know it's fun. And I don't want to say it's cooler now because I always thought it was cool, but people know that now," she said.

While White-Baille admits she is "no Mr. Shuester," referring to the show's glee club coach, she is excited to lead such a talented group of students.

"They love this and they are good at it," she added.

The students will head to Vancouver for a competition later this year, and will perform a popular tune covered by the Glee cast - Don't Stop Believing by Journey.

# First-degree conviction in 2008 LRT murder case

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**COURT** The family of a woman who was raped and brutally beaten before dying alone on an isolated Calgary pathway told a judge vesterday that Arcelie Laoagan was a loving mother whose faith in God sustained her.

Justice Kristine Eidsvik listened to the victim impact statements after convicting Christopher Watche-

ston, 24, of firstdegree murder for Laoagan on the path be-

you console a child who attacking cries for his mother?'

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Oswald Sombrito tween

Franklin LRT station and her home, passing behind a church.

'It saddens me that she died at the base of a

church," she said. Watcheston admitted he sexually assaulted and physically battered the 41year-old mother of five in January 2008, but said he didn't intend for her to die — he just wanted to stop her from contacting police.

Four victim impact statements from Laoagan's family were read in court.

Laoagan's mother said she fears for the safety of her other children living in Canada, adding "I've grieved so deeply, almost crying all the time."

Her brother had only questions as he described reliving the day of his sister's death again and again.

'How do vou console a child who cries for his mother?" asked Oswald Sombrito. The canadian press

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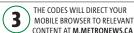
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# Local



# Offender busted in Edmonton

High-risk offender Curtis Dale Hill, 30, wanted since March for breaching his conditions was arrested in downtown Edmonton yesterday and taken into custody without incident. The Calgary police said Hill may return to Calgary to faces charges, or face them in an Edmonton court.

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# **Arrest made** in Falsmere murder

**CRIME** Police investigators arrested Natalie Renee Vinje, 23, and took her in for questioning last night in connection with death of Serafino Virgilio.

Virgilio was found dead inside a vehicle parked in the 100 block of Falsmere Way NE Jan. 19, and police determined the death to be a homicide.

Police still seek Pablo Rodrigo Russell in connection with the same

# Skate park cleanup nixed

Bylaw officers stopped boarders from doing good deed, says local

KRISTA SYLVESTER

Attempting to clean up the Millennium Skate Park garnered a group of skateboard enthusiasts a dose of unwanted attention over the weekend.

A group of skateboarders gathered at the park and began cleaning up garbage when they were approached by bylaw officers and asked to stop, according to a local skateboarder who contacted Metro vesterday.

Stefan Krcmar works at a local skate shop in the city and said he was disappointed to hear the initiative, spearheaded by the Calgary Association of Skateboarding Enthusiasts (CASE), was shut down by bylaw officers.

"It seems like this city is just so unfriendly towards skateboarding and this



Skateboarding enthusiasts were turned away from cleaning up Millenium skate Park yesterday by bylaw officers, one local told Metro yesterday.

group was just out there trying to clean up the park and do a good deed," Krcmar said.

While the organizers of the event didn't return calls for comment, they admitted on their website that potential \$500 fines would be doled out because they sent up a tent on the skate park grounds. Animal and bylaw servic-

es director Bill Bruce said any time a tent-like setup is on city property, parks and bylaw officers need to be warned to allow permis-

"I understand they want-

No guidelines on exec

bonuses: Liberal critic

ed to clean up the park and do a thing, but you can't just set up a tent and not tell anyone," he said.

"It's just a matter of asking parks, and they let us know and then we can just monitor the situation, but you definitely need permission.

# Tow trucks clearing road congestion, savs city

TARGETS Roving tow trucks have already begun easing congestion on the city's busiest roads in just two months, according to city officials

In February, council approved a one-year pilot project worth \$636,000, putting five tow trucks on major roadways in the city to clear away brokendown vehicles. Tow-truck operators have already cleared 255 vehicles. according to the city transportation officials.

"It's been very successful so far and we have had a lot of positive feedback . anecdotally, Calgarians have said they have noticed smoother drives as a result," manager Troy McLeod said, adding an average of seven incidents are responded to daily.

Trucks are assigned to Crowchild at the Bow River crossing, Memorial between downtown and Deerfoot, Macleod Trail up to Anderson, Glenmore Trail up to Crowchild and a fifth truck patrols the Deerfoot.

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# Calgary **Tweets**

**@calgarytoday** Anvone got an idea where I can buy a venus fly trap in #yyc? **@trasie** Some very nice census takers are roaming Hillhurst tonight. Hope they're keeping warm! #yyc. @caboj: What do you call 30 millionaires sitting around watching the Stanley Cup playoffs? The Calgary Flames

**@Kait\_Dee:** The innocence of my 5 yr old. "We have chicks at school. One pooped in its food."

# SPCA probes puppy dragging allegations

ANIMAL CRUELTY Alberta SP-CA officials are investigating allegations a central Alberta man dragged a puppy behind an ATV for an unknown distance.

Authorities were called after a witness reported seeing a young dog tethered to an ATV on a rural road on Sunday near Blackfalds, Alta.

Alberta SPCA peace offiwhether charges will be

# "The animal will remain under veterinary care."

Morris Airey, SPCA

laid against the owner but did confirm the owner surrendered the animal yesterday. "The animal will remain under veterinary care until we decide where to place the animal," Airey KRISTA SYLVESTER/

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#### HEALTH SERVICES Alberta's Liberal Opposition says there were no clear guidelines when Alberta Health Services handed out execu-

tive bonuses last year ranging up to \$130,000. Liberal health Kevin Taft said it makes no

sense to hand out six-figure bonuses when you can't even measure performance.

Taft told a news conference the bonuses should end.

He released internal documentation from Alberta Health Services that concedes performance measures were difficult to assess when handing out hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of bonuses.

Taft says the smallest bonus was \$19,000.

He also says this extra money was paid out at the same time that the health provider was tripling its deficit to nearly \$300 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**Blogs** SpinDoctor wonders if Helena Guergis scandal means the Tories have lost control of media narrative



cer Morris Airey said they still investigating



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# Canada

# **Police actions hurt** Jaffer case, CBC says

#### **CBC Television's The** National reports a new twist in the Rahim Jaffer legal case that ignited a storm of controversy.

CBC says Crown prosecutors were forced to abandon drunk-driving and drug possession charges against the ex-Tory MP because of actions taken by police, which included a strip search.

Jaffer was arrested by Ontario Provincial Police last September when he was caught speeding.

Police charged him with impaired driving, cocaine possession and dangerous driving.

# Going green?

 Rahim Jaffer and his business partner met the official in charge of a billion-dollar green infrastructure fund and submitted three projects for federal money with out registering as lobbyists. Parliamentary secretary

Brian Jean said the pair came to his Ottawa office in June 2009.

· Jean said he rejected the project ideas.

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Jaffer pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of careless driving.

The CBC says lawyers for Jaffer tried to get through to him at a police station in Caledon, Ont., while he was breath tested.
Police told his Calgary-

based counsel he could not break away to speak.

Legal experts told the CBC the strip search was highly unusual for a person with no prior police record who could be easily located afterward.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper also turfed Jaffer's wife, Helena Guergis, from the Conservative caucus, citing unspecified allegations against her.

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# Apollo heroes **Houston, we have no problem**



A Canadian team that helped ensure Apollo 13 got back to Earth safely 40 years ago is honoured by the Canadian Air and Space Museum yesterday. Ben Etkin, left, Barry French, centre, and Phil Sullivan hold their awards in Toronto. The trio was part of a team that had four hours to make critical calculations that led to the ailing spacecraft landing safely. "We had to guesstimate things," said French. One of the awards was the slide rule used in the calculations.

# Health cash ill?

PROVINCES A new study shows big differences in health-care spending

across the country.
Some provinces spend hundreds of dollars more per capita than others.

Dale Orr Economic Insight says the highest per capita spenders are Newfoundland and Labrador at \$4,490, and Saskatchewan and Alberta at just over \$4,400 each. Ontario is near the bottom on healthcare spending at \$3,712. higher only than Quebec's \$3,490. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# **Charest pledges** probe on judges

**POLITICS** Quebec Premier Jean Charest has shot back at allegations his Liberal party accepted illegal donations and allowed donors to influence the appointment of judges.

A day after his ex-justice minister, Marc Bellemare, unloaded the accusations. Charest pledged to launch a public inquiry into how judges are selected.

"I want to get to the bottom of this," Charest said.

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A court sentenced a Malaysian man to six years in prison and ordered him to be caned after he splashed acid on his wife for refusing to have sex with him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# World



# **Activist among crash victims**

Anna Walentynowicz, a union activist who helped found the Solidarity movement and topple Polish communism, died in the plane crash that devastated the country's elite. She was 80. Walentynowicz was an anti-communist dissident who worked with Solidarity founder Lech Walesa in the early 1980s to agitate against repressive communist rule.

# Global effort urged for nuclear security

The 47 nations at U.S. President Barack Obama's Nuclear Security Summit agreed yesterday that all countries are responsible for safeguarding nuclear weapons and materials and keeping them out of terrorists' hands, citing a new reality in which terror concerns outweigh worries about attacks by nuclear powers.

A communique also directs the global community to work in concert against the sale or theft of nuclear materials, with nations cooperating more deeply with the United Nations and its watchdog arm, the International Atomic Energy Agency. The final document closes the two-day gather-

# **Obama confident**

• U.S. President Barack Obama said he is confident China will join other nations in pressing for tough new sanctions against Iran for continuing to defy the international community in seeking nuclear weapons.

ing that was called by Obama to focus world attention on the dangers of terrorists obtaining nuclear materials. Addressing the conference, Obama framed the problem as a "cruel irony of history" — nuclear dangers on the rise, even after the end of the Cold War.

A terrorist group in pos-

session of plutonium no bigger than an apple could detonate a device capable of inflicting hundreds of thousands of casualties, he said.

"Terrorist networks such as al-Qaida have tried to acquire the material for a nuclear weapon, and if they ever succeeded, they would surely use it," he said.

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Devotees bathe in the River Ganges, holy to Hindus, during the Kumbh Mela in Haridwar, India, yesterday. Hindus bathe in the river with the belief that it will cleanse them of their sins and free them from the cycle of life and rebirth.

# Dozens killed in earthquake

CHINA Authorities say a strong earthquake in a western province has killed at least 67 people. The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake measured a magnitude of 6.9. The China Earthquake Administration announced the initial death toll in a brief statement on its website. saying that the quake had caused many houses to collapse. Rescue efforts were hindered by telecommunications problems, with phone lines down.

The quake sent residents fleeing as it toppled many houses made of mud and wood, said Gasong Nima, the Yushu county television station's deputy head of news, speaking by phone with state broadcaster CCTV. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# **Comment & Views**

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# he ready for prime-time players



s it time to move on yet? The pundits have shifted through the mountain of ashes, all that remains of the parliamentary careers of Helena Guergis and her partner in hubris, Rahim

It's a grim spectacle, not

suitable for children and voters with weak stomachs. Definitely time to move on.

To the sequel: The Helena and Rahim Reality Show. If this were America, they would have already signed with Fox or A&E.

All the elements for terrific TV are in place. If I were spinning the concept, I'd move the charming couple to Charlottetown, P.E.I., where they open a laundry and try to explain to Rick Mercer how they managed to scorch all his shirt collars. After Helena seriously pissed off the good people

of the island by calling it a hellhole, they need an armed escort to get to and from work. Fortunately, they are able to hire Helena's ex-parliamentary chauffer, who says he already has lots of experience driving Rahim around when Helena is stuck at work.

The main plot driver, though, is the weekly attempt by Rahim to get anyone from the government to answer his calls from a pay phone near the laundry. (No more taxpayerfunded BlackBerry). course, no one ever answers, which puts his lob-bying business in jeopardy. It's better than Corner

Gas because it's "real." Just like Gene Simmons. Or Sarah Palin Each week. Helena could take viewers to a P.E.I. tourist attraction: Cavendish Beach, the Anne of Green Gables Museum, Cavendish Beach, the Anne of Green Gables Museum ... she would look kinda fetching in those red pigtails.

Although there have been a number of wellmeaning attempts to characterize the Jaffer/Guergis fall from grace as

tragedy, it's more Dog the Bounty Hunter than Bounty Hunter than Antony and Cleopatra. Unlike other great Canadian power failures like Belinda Stronach and Peter MacKav. or even Pierre and Margaret, Helena and Rahim didn't have very far to fall. Rahim, notorious for allowing his assistant to impersonate him on a talk show, was already halfway down. And Helena, despite the promise shown by her triumphant victory in the 1992 Miss Huronia beauty pageant, has no subsequent track record to speak of — which didn't

from trying to exploit her photogenic attributes by positioning her as his backdrop during question period

But in the 21st century. notoriety is just another word for celebrity, and celebrities, no matter how Lilliputian, have the real power. Just ask Harper, who's having a tough time getting Helena Guergis off the screen now that's she's in the spotlight.

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# Word on the street: Who do you think will win the Stanley Cup?

## Cory Maillot Calgary

A: Chicago Blackhawks just because I think they are such a great,



# **Christine Benoit** Calgary

A: Ottawa Senators are going to take it. But I'm just being loyal to my home town and my team.



## **Patrick** Huynh Edmonton

A: San Jose because they are due for a long playoff run. Marleau, Thornton and Heatley

#### Aya Mansour Ottawa

A: Ottawa Senators. think they're good team. I give 'em a shot.



## **Curtis Bechard** Toronto

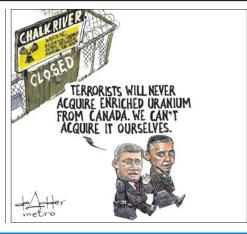
A: Pittsburgh ... The team they had last year is mostly intact, including Sidney Crosby, who only seems to get better. And

Marc-Andre still

## **Amy** Waĺker Victoria

A: The Canucks be cause (Roberto) Luongo's going to get his act together. He's going to get off his Olympic hangover.

and be of Hen-



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# Business

# add ads

**ONLINE** Twitter announced yesterday that it is introducing advertising, allowing companies to pay to have their messages show up first in searches on its

Twitter has grown quickly in popularity since it started in 2006, with celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and Ashton Kutcher "tweeting" messages of 140 characters or less alongside everyday users.

Twitter has been making an undisclosed amount of money by providing Google Inc. and Microsoft Corp. with access to messages for their search engines.

Many people expected Twitter would eventually introduce advertising.

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# Twitter to Foreign ownership a threat, says CR7

Canada's federal regulator has come out strongly against foreign control of the country's telecom sector.

CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein told a House of Commons committee yesterday that foreigners should be restricted to a maximum 49 per cent of controlling shares in any telecommunications firm.

"If you don't do this ... we will have a branch plant communications industry. he said.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission head was testifying on a proposal in last month's throne speech that would see the government "open Canada's doors further to venture capital and to foreign investment

in "satellite and telecommunications industries.

But von Finckenstein said it was not possible to allow foreign ownership rules to relax on the telecoms without opening up Canada's – the culturalbroadcasters ly sensitive content part of the sector — as well.

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areas between January and February, Prices increased the most in Regina (up two per cent), followed by Winnipeg and London, Ont. (both up

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Centre Tim Connolly feels ready to play while, barring any setback, the Sabres might have forward Jochen Hecht in the lineup tomorrow at home in Game 1 against Boston Bruins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Playoff Preview

# **Chase for Cup** begins tonight

To borrow an NHL slogan from seasons past, the biggest question heading into this year's postseason can be simply summed up as: Is this the year?

Is this the year the Detroit Red Wings and the defending champion Pitts-burgh Penguins give other teams a chance to play for the Stanley Cup?

If so, will the San Jose Sharks finally step up in the Western Conference and live up to their lofty regular-season marks and shake their underachieving reputation? If not, will the upstart Chicago Blackhawks or surprising Phoenix Coyotes unseat the Red Wings, who won the Cup in 2008 against the Penguins and then fell in seven games a year ago in

the rematch?

The answers will begin to unfold tonight when the 16-team Stanley Cup tournament gets underway with four games. Three other series will start tomorrow, and the Central Division-champion Blackhawks will host the Nashville Predators on Friday in Game 1 of that Western matchup.

San Jose finished first in the West last year and was knocked out in the first round by No. 8 Anaheim.

The Sharks (51-20-11) finished on top again with 113 points and will try to advance against Colorado, back in the playoffs after a one-year absence.

"I don't think we can look at any numbers because for the past so many years we supposedly have



Torrey Mitchell of the San Jose Sharks is chased down by Detroit Red Wings Tomas Holmstrom and Kris Draper. The Sharks have been one of the NHL's best regular-season teams over the past five years, but have not made it past the second round of the playoffs.

"All the numbers, all the talk does not really matter. We have to come out and win the hockey games."

Sharks goalie Evgeni Nabokov

been better than anybody in the league and we came short," goalie Evgeni Nabokov said. "All the numbers, all the talk does not really matter. We have

to come out and win the hockey games. That's the only way we can get away from all those talks.

If the Sharks do get past the Avalanche, they could face Detroit in the second round

The Red Wings will face the Coyotes in the first round. Phoenix hasn't been in the playoffs since 2002, joining the Los Angeles Kings for the longest gap between appearances for this year's qualifiers. The No. 6 Kings will meet the No. 3 Vancouver Canucks, who won the Northwest Division. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### In the East

#### Washington (1st) versus Montreal (8th)

If Montreal can hold Alex Ovechkin to one goal in four games, as they did in going 2-1-1 against the Capitals this season, anything is possible.

#### New Jersey (2nd) versus Philadelphia (7th)

Goaltending will be front and centre in this series because New Jersey has it in spades and Philadelphia does not.

### Buffalo (3rd) versus Boston (6th)

The terrific play of young goalie Tuukka Rask lets Boston come at least close to matching Buffalo's biggest strength, star goalie Ryan Miller.

#### Pittsburgh (4th) versus Ottawa (5th)

The teams split their season series 2-2, each winning home and away once each. All four games were decided by three or more goals.

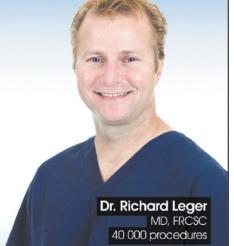
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Tiger Woods has taken the first step toward playing in the U.S. Open by sending in his entry form. The USGA said it received Woods' entry on Monday, one day after he tied for fourth in the Masters. It was his first competition since his life was turned upside down by a sex scandal during the winter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# ports



# Rings and things

Rodriguez, left, got his first career ring, kissed the box it was in and raised it to the crowd.

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## **Sports** in brief

BIG BEN The NFL is weighing possible disciplinary action against Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who met with league commissioner Roger Goodell one day after learning he won't be charged in the alleged sexual assault of a Georgia college student. Roethlisberger described the meeting yesterday as "very productive," but gave no hint whether he expects to be suspended or fined.

MMA UFC 115 in Vancouver sold out in 30 minutes in a presale yesterday, two days before tickets for the GM Place mixed martial arts show were slated to go on sale to the general

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# Oilers awarded first overall pick

The biggest win of the year for the Edmonton Oilers came two davs after the regular season ended.

The NHL's 30th-place "This is a huge tained the **building block.**" No. 1 overall Steve Tambellini, pick in the draft lottery Oilers GM last night.

giving GM Steve Tambellini an opportunity that none of his predecessors has ever enjoyed. And the timing couldn't be better.

"This is a huge opportunity for this organization going forward," said Tam-bellini. "I think it perfectly fits the moment of where we are as a hockey team, as an organization. We're in a rebuild type of phase

with this group. This is a huge building block."

Barring an unlikely trade, the Oilers will have

the final say in the debate between Taylor Hall and Tyler Seguin when the draft kicks off June 25th at the Staples

Center in Los Angeles. The two OHL stars have gone back-and-forth in the eyes of scouts all season, with Seguin getting the No. 1 nod from the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau in its final rankings last week.

Edmonton entered the draft lottery with a 48.2 per cent chance of earning the No. 1 pick.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada upset by Swiss at U18

Tiger takes first step towards US Open

**HOCKEY** Guy Carbonneau is hoping to turn a disappointing loss to Switzerland into a motivational tool for his Canadian team at IIHF World U18 Championship.

The Canadians were upset 3-1 by the Swiss yesterday in their first preliminary round game of the annu- Guy

al hockey

Carbonneau

tournament. "It's a bump in the road and hopefully we can find a way to get back," said Carbonneau, the Canadian head coach.

'Sometimes that's what you need - a good ass-kicking to get you go-

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#### Turco finished in Dallas

Marty Turco's time with the Dallas Stars is over. GM Joe Nieuwendyk said yesterday the Stars will not re-sign the goaltender. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Romero flirts with No-no

MLB RESULTS

White Sox 2 Blue Jays 4



**Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Ricky Romero gently** tipped his cap to the crowd as he left the field for the last time, but slammed his glove into the dugout wall seconds later, furious over the nohitter that had just slipped through his grasp.

The 25-year-old left-hander had dominated the Chicago White Sox into the eighth inning last night, flirting with what would have been only the second hitless outing in franchise history. His bid ended on the bat of former Blue Jay Alex Rios, who sent a pitch over the fence in left field.

Toronto held on for a 4-2 win over Chicago. The

YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS
Toronto 4 Chicago White Sox 2
Detroit 6 Kansas City 5
N.Y. Yankees 7 L.A. Angels 5
Tampa Bay 8 Baltimore 6 (10 ings)



Blue Jays starting pitcher Ricky Romero delivers a pitch to the White Sox last night in Toronto. Romero took a no-hit bid into the eighth inning, when former teammate Alex Rios homered.

home run was the only hit Romero allowed, en route to a memorable night in which he struck out a career-high 12 batters while recording the 19th one-hit game in Blue Jays history.

"I don't think, the words I said, I could say them on camera," Romero said with

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Seattle 3 Oakland o YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS L.A. Dodgers 9 Arizona 5 Cincinnati 10 Florida 8 (11 ings)

Colorado 11 N.Y. Mets 3

a smile after the game. "It's one of those things where you feel it's so close and you know you're so close - and to let it get away like that, it definitely

Reliever Kevin Gregg was called upon for the THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Camp Guide



SPECIAL FEATURES EDITOR: SARAH.CAIRNS@METRONEWS.CA

# Wildlife adventures await

MICHELLE LINDSTROM for Metro Calgary

Instead of your home feeling like a zoo this summer, get the kids out to the Calgary Zoo for week-long fun and educational camps.

From July 5 to Aug. 20, children from pre-school (age four) to grade 12 can experience the zoo in ways everyday visitors don't.

Zoo Tots (ages four to six) are half-day camps for \$144. With this age group we "focus on a lot of things that younger kids really like, such as games, songs and a zoo tour," says Zack Anderson, the Calgary Zoo continuing education program coordinator.

For the next age group (grades one to six) there is Discover the Zoo, Zoo Explorers (\$249) or Art Camp (\$269) available for the lit-



tle ones to explore the sites, sounds and smells of the zoo throughout the summer during full day camps.

"We have lots of customers coming year after year," says Anderson, explaining some camp goers progress through all the different levels of camps the zoo offers.

Anderson says the Youth Wildlife Workshop for Teens, grades seven to 12, is still a fun and exciting

experience, but focuses more on conservation and enrichment projects compared to the younger camps.

These camps are \$254 for grades seven to nine and \$266.70 for grades 10 to 12

"[The camps] really inspire people to make those simple life changes to help conserve wild ar-eas and wild animals," says Anderson.

The Zoo's partnership with Between Friends Club enables children with disabilities to be fullintegrated into the various camps available with all the other enrolled children.

All summer Zoo camp registration began Feb. 1 and Anderson says there's still plenty of space. But, he does warn the preschool camps fill up the fastest.



# Tack up at camp

MICHELLE LINDSTROM for Metro Calgary

Need a little giddy-up in your summer beyond the usual Stampede festivities? Calgary and area ranches offer riding camps for horse enthusiasts of all ages. Cochrane's Horses R Cool

Riding School Ltd. at Griffin Valley Ranch has a philosophy that learning to ride is done by actual riding, says Diane Hickey, Horses R Cool owner and director.

"Aspects of horse safety and handling are first priority as well as knowledge and practice of horse care depending on age and ability." No previous experience is required.

Starting June 28, Horses R Cool ofweek-long camps for ages eight to adult, Monday to Frifor \$525. day Two-day Pony Power camps start June 29 for six- and seven-year olds (\$210). More

start dates are available through to Aug. 17.

Fees include daily trans-portation to Griffin Valley Ranch from six pick-up locations in and around Calgary. Also included are a colour photo, horse show, and last camp day ceremony. Horses (or ponies), all equipment (including certified riding helmets) and instructors at a one to five ratio are provided. Camp attendees bring lunch (or buy one at the on-site restaurant) and appropriate clothing for each day's weather situation.

Check out horsesrcool.com for more information.

Just east of Chestermere

is Sweet Talk Stables, which has beginner/intermediate horseback riding day camps from July 19 to 23. The camps are \$400 with a \$100

non-refundable deposit to hold a camper's spot.

Visit sweettalkstables.com /camps for more infor-

mation.

West of Okotoks, interested horse riders (ages seven and up) can visit DJ

Ranch Horsemanship Facili-

ranch98 homestead com) for day camps starting June 28. If campers book their spots before April 30, a discounted camp rate of \$350 is offered instead of \$375 for the week-long adventure. Indoor and outdoor facilities are available, but kids should attend camp well-equipped with multiple layers for all

kinds of weather. Woodline Equestrian Horse Boarding Training has week-long summer camps in July and August for kids to learn and refine their riding skills. 2010's summer camp schedule is not yet available, but watch woodline-eq.com

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One more reason to visit Hawaii

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# Coconut coast finally catching up

Punta Cana undergoing major modernization, while working to maintain its natural beauty

CÉLIA PEDROSO Metro World News

The magnificent stretch of coast in Punta Cana is simply the dream beach come true: white soft sands, warm turquoise waters, coconut palm trees, one perfect beach after anoth-. er for 50 km.

wonder favourite of A-list celebrities like Beyoncé, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Michael Douglas and Julio Iglesias.

Its obvious natural beauty makes it all the more strange that tourism took so long to take off here.

But they are catching up with the rest of Caribbean fast.

With new hotels and resorts opening up justice is finally being made to this precious piece of land, also known as the coconut coast for pretty obvious reasons.

But fear not -- although resorts and hotels are here there is still space in abundance and your can always find your own beach sol-

As the captain of our snorkeling boat explained, a coral reef means the waters are safe and calm.

But amazing snorkeling is only one of the many activities hotels provide scuba-diving, sailing, tennis, horse riding, cycling, golf, even Segway tours are all on offer.

Away from the hotels explore the Punta Cana Resort & Club and follow the trail that takes you into the fresh water lagoon (don't be afraid and take a



swim) and visit the Ecological Reserve — an impres-sive tropical sanctuary of wildlife and plants.

And take a break from sunbathing by renting a car and visiting the neighboring Dominican villages. The locals are super friendly and you may end up having a merengue lesson.

Higuey and the colourful El Cortecito are a short distance from Punta Cana but the roads are not very good so take your time to drive.

There you'll really see the laid back Caribbean way of life and also get the chance to buy top quality cigars (Dominican Republican is the largest producer of cigars in the world ), excellent coffee, art or rum. Take the local's advice on what to buy.

## **Inside and out**



- Spanish is the official language in this side of the Hispaniola island (Haiti is in the other half) where Dominican Republic is, but English is spoken in the hotels and touristic areas.
- With warm tropical weather all year long, the country has a lot of sunshine hours. Don't forget a high grade sunblock and sunglasses!
- The beautiful Chavon River has been the set for such movies as Apocalypse Now and Jurassic Park. If you want to check it out there are day trips. Also the Altos de Chavon Regional Museum of Archaeology with artifacts from the Taino indians who once lived in the region.
- STAY: at Punta Cana Resort & Club and Tortuga Bay. You can choose between the casitas, small elegant houses very close to the beach, or the hotel. A spa and golf courses and the very exclusive Tortuga Bay. EAT: at Captain Cook. Although the resorts have different restaurants it is worth trying Captain Cook. Fresh seafood and fish right on the beach. 809-552-1061
  • NIGHT OUT: at Merengue. Don't miss the piña coladas and other rum cocktails.

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# Schwimmer's Chicago

Chicagophile and former Friends star offers his Windy City tips

PAUL BALDWIN Metro World New

"There's so much that's special to me about this city, but most of all, its people. The friendliness, the welcome for everyone. Just grab some local food, listen to some local music, and suddenly ... you're a local," says David Schwimmer, the former Friends star.

"I have a home here, I do theater here, and I got my start in show biz here.

He is now such a Chicagophile that one of the city's premier attrac-tions, the John Hancock Observatory named him its celebrity guide. Here's what he thought of some celebrity of the city's attractions:

#### LAKE MICHIGAN

Even though it's only the second largest of the Great Lakes, it's still bigger than the states of Vermont and New Hampshire put to-gether. Unlike other big American cities, Chicago never put factories on its waterfront.

### THE WINDY CITY

It has nothing to do with the wind. Chicago got that nickname during the time of the huge world's fair. journalists East Coast wrote that those Chicagoans came from "the windy city" because they talked so much they talked so much.

## MILLENNIUM PARK

It's full of amazing outdoor sculptures. One of them has only been here since 2004, but it's already become the symbol of Chicago. The title



Chicago has never put factories on its waterfront making for a clean, fresh swim

Cloud Gate but everybody calls it the silver bean. It's only steps away from the main art museum, the Art Institute of Chicago. Huge. Wonderful collections.

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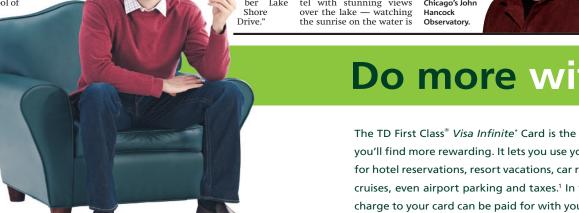
David Schwimmer is a guest guide at Chicago's John





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# **Riding into history**

Berlin Wall quickly becoming cyclist destination

EUGENE HENDERSON Metro World News

In the 20th century there were few more offensive symbols of man's seemingly unquenchable need to spread hatred, division, and suspicion than the Berlin Wall.

Stark, grey, brutal — the wall was a concrete embodiment of the most stupid

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Yes, you will pass the former Gestapo Headquarters, or Bernauer Strasse, where an impotent wedge of wall still stands, the spot where protester Michael Gartenschlaeger was carved up by 120 Stasi bullets, the Glienicker Brücke, where Cold War spies were exchanged, and Lake Wannsee where Third Reich henchmen would party while planning the Final Solution.

The sense of history will

stop you in your tracks.
But so will the sense of
the future, because here,
in the ruins of the Wall
21st century Berliners are
now enjoying the simple
pleasure of the city's
greenbelt. They walk dogs,
they picnic, they rollerskate and the sheer normality of it all somehow
adds to its beauty.

And onwards through Schöneweide to Schönefeld to Lichterfelde to Griebnitzsee and on to Staaken, Hennigsdorf, Nordbahnhof, each day will reward you with more

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Riding along the Berlin Wall you get a deeper sense of history.



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# Germany turns from bratwurst to the doner

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A traditional doner sandwich.

FOOD Forget about bratwurst, currywurst and other kinds of sausages doner kebab, or shawarma, has overtaken traditional German fast food as the country's favourite snack on the go.

First brought to Berlin by Turkish immigrants in the 1970s, the grilled meat snack that comes wrapped in a pita bread with shredded lettuce, tomatoes, onions and different dressings, is now being sold everywhere in Germany from the Baltic Sea to the Bavarian Alps.

Students and late night revellers relish it as much as construction workers, children and foreign backpackers on a tight budget. "We assume that doner

"We assume that doner kebab is the Germans' favourite fast food by now," said Yunus Ulusoy, an expert from

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Center for the Study of Turkey in Essen, who has done extensive research on how the ethnic specialty conquered Germany's culinary mainstream.

The secret behind the doner's success story is not only its satisfying grilled taste, Ulusoy said, but also the big portions and its affordability — a regular doner in a pita costs only between \$3.30 to \$6.70.

between \$3.30 to \$6.70.

Some 15,500 doner places in Germany sell about 400 tonnes of doner meat every day, according to ATDID, the Association of Turkish Doner Producers in Europe. About 60,000 workers produce, cut and process the hearty delicacy with annual sales of 2.5 billion euros.

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a popular spot for white-water rafting, jet boating, river surfing and kayaking.

The constant, frothing barrier of water consists of several standing waves of international acclaim, not only for their power but for their proximity to Montreal's dynamic urban cen-

tre.
"The only other place that's like that is the Zambezi (River), but the problem with the Zambezi is when you're not paddling, there's nothing to do you're in the middle of Africa," said Corran Addison, a former Olympic and world champion kayaker

who now runs a surf school in Montreal. "It's not a scary wave but

it's a very fast, very big, very powerful wave without having the beat down you don't get pounded when you make a mis-take," said Addison, who also says the fast-moving

water on the rapids is safe enough drink. Hugo Lav-

ictoire, who has been teaching people how to kayak the rapids for 16 years, said seasoned

kavakers and surfers can ride the standing waves for as long as they want.

"(The waves) are not moving, like in the ocean, which is nice," said Lavictoire, who owns Kayaks Sans Fronieres in the Montreal borough of LaSalle. "The rapids are world-class level because you have big waves."

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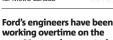
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Though most of the new-for-2011 action

happens under Mustang's hood, revisions reach far beyond simple powertrain upgrades.

# Mustang powers up

JUSTIN PRITCHARD for Metro Canada



working overtime on the 2011 Mustang's powertrain and chassis — and their efforts have now catapulted the American bestseller into a whole new world of performance.

For the first time ever. that world of performance starts with the V6-powered model. The aging four-litre powerplant has been given the boot in place of a lighter and considerably more powerful 3.7 litre unit.

With a four-cam, four-

011 Ford Mustang

Type: Sports car Price: Not available Engine: 3.7L V6/4.6L V8 HP: 305/412

## Highlights

- Impressive power from
- V6 engine · New technologies and
- upgrades inside and outside

valve architecture and a busload of engineering tweaks, the Mustang's new entry-engine generates 305 horsepower of the freebreathing, high-revving va-

Despite the generous performance, Ford's engineers gush proudly that the new mill is the first V6 to generate 305 horsepowwhile turning in 35 mpg. That's about 6.7L / 100km for us Canadians. Regular fuel, too.

A slick new system called Twin Independent Variable Cam Timing (Ti-VCT) is re-sponsible for the remarkable combination of thrust and thrift. By continually altering cam timing and en-

gine breathing, power is dosed out on an as-request-ed basis. The new V6 musters enough sauce to keep pace with the outgoing 4.6-litre V8, though efficiency is maximized when drivers are gentle.

Super-clean emissions and highway mileage under 8L / 100km are assured. In fact, Ford's new four-cam five-litre is about as responsible as a rip-snorting 412horsepower, 7,000 rpm V8 engine gets.

Snorting? Oh yeah.

Ford engineers realize that a big part of the Mustang's driving experience is its sound, and their efforts to make that sound fantastic won't disappoint.

The V6 is no slouch either. Towards the top of the tachometer, it makes a reedy, dry and semi-exotic howl that calls cars like the Nissan 350Z and recentlyresurrected Camaro RS to mind.

Though most of the new-

for-2011 action happens under Mustang's hood, revisions reach far beyond simple powertrain grades. Barely an inch of the car, which was redesigned just a year ago, has been left unchanged. New technologies and materials are applied to the interior, the body has been upgraded discreetly for aerodynamics, and the suspension benefits from numerous advancements for sharper, tauter handling.



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# A little respect for car care professionals



hen you take your car to a mechanic does it usually end in tears?

What is it about the nature of getting cars fixed that seems to generate acrimony?

There is one obvious reason: How would you rather spend \$2,300? On a leaking and overheated transmission, or on a family trip to Disney? Okay, some of you might opt for the transmission, but you get my point.

Other reasons for dysfunctional customer-mechanic relationships usually centre on mistrust and competency.

You, or your uncle, once got charged \$437 for a re-

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placement foogleboomer, and it never fixed anything, because that car never ever had a foogleboomer.

But today we're going examine a less-discussed irritant in the relationship the customer.

I once worked for a spell behind the service counter at a busy GM dealership. My colleagues and I dealt with a lot of upset customers, because, well, this was the early 1980s, when GM was transitioning from big cars to smaller, front-drive cars, and this didn't always go

Some customers commiserated with our mutual plight, and were patient and polite. Others were scary. The language! Our young cashier found it particularly hard to take; at least once a week she would have to retire to the bathroom for a good cry.

Here is a partial list of other questionable customer behaviour we experienced:

 Demanding warranty coverage, even though the vehicle was years out of war-

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Customers have a right to expect a high level of professional car care service. But at the same time. those in the car care profession have a right to expect a basic level of civility, Michael Goetz writes.

ranty and used regularly to

tow circus animals;
• Accusing us of a "make work" project if we even suggested something like replacing a 21-year drive belt:

· Giving us a total of 17 minutes to diagnose and repair a complicated, intermittent drivetrain malfunc-

 Letting their unsupervised children make forts out of empty oil barrels. Leaving us to empty the trunk of dead cats (or what looked like dead cats) before we could get in there to change a turn signal bulb.

I've sat in on lots of training seminars for mechanics and service advisors, and many had lots to say about difficult customers ... How to manage their sky-high expectations ... How to prevent them from damaging the morale of hard working, talented, and honest

workers How to get them interacting more effectively with service staff.

On the latter point, one trainer advised to tell customers to show up for service appointments with a vehicle that was "ready for service," which basically meant: clean inside and out; nothing in the trunk and cargo area; gas in the

Having a car "ready for service" is a show of respect to the kind of mechanic you want to have a relationship with over a long period

Customers have a right to expect a high level of professional car care service. But at the same time, those in the car care profession have a right to expect a basic level of civility, and a modicum of understanding when complicated and cranky vehicles make life difficult for the technicians. Because who wants more crying?

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.



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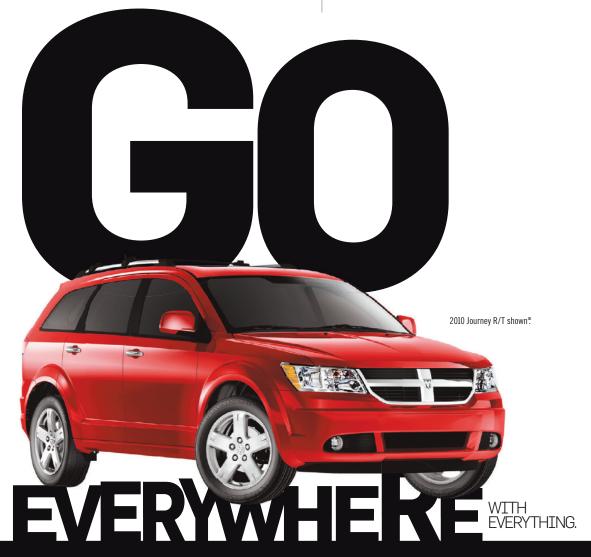


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# Balanced Equinox

JUSTIN PRITCHARD for Metro Canada

MODEL: 2005 to 2009 Chevrolet Equinox VEHICLE TYPE: SUV APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: \$8,000 to \$16,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: In 2005, Chevrolet launched the Equinox SUV into what would quick-

ly become a crowded marketplace full of capable, all-season family haulers. It replaced the long-lived Blazer with a more comfortable, efficient and car-like machine.

Those shopping for a used Equinox will find LS and LT trim levels, representing the basic and more fully-loaded models, respectively. Higher-end

models got fog-lamps, alloy wheels, a power driver's seat, tinted glass and more. Air conditioning was standard on all models, and ABS brakes, traction control and All Wheel Drive (AWD) could be optionally specified.

be optionally specified.
All models also got V6
power, flexible seating
and relatively generous
interior proportions.

LIKE: According to Equinox drivers, AWD models deliver admirable performance and traction in the snow. The Equinox's audio system, interior versatility and ride comfort are also highly rated by owners.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Common complaints centre around the Equinox's



large turning circle, some cheap interior trim and a noisy engine. Some drivers also complain of higher-than-expected fuel consumption, thanks in part to the lack of an available four-cylinder engine.

common issues: Nearly every Equinox in the used market had GM's 3.4 litre, 185-horsepower V6 under the hood. In past applications, this so-called "3400" engine was known for a nasty gasket and coolant problem.

Put simply, an overly corrosive engine coolant could dissolve engine gaskets and cause a slew of expensive problems that could lead to engine failure. This problem seems to have been remedied by time the 3400 engine made its way under the Equinox's hood, though shoppers are advised to remain cautious and have any used candidate inspected for this issue by a certified GM mechanic.

Shoppers wishing to play it safe can also opt for a 2007 or later Equinox with some portion of the 160,000 kilometre powertrain warranty remaining, or a 2008 or later model with the optional 3.6 litre V6.

On a test drive, kill the stereo and be sure to drive slowly in a tight circle, over some potholes, and through a parking lot with speedbumps. In each of the above situations, note any clunking, popping, grinding or clicking noises that could be a sign of trouble.

Clicking or rubbing apparent from the rear of the vehicle could indicate a differential problem, too.

Those test-driving an AWD model are encouraged to check for unwelcomed noises when the system engages to power the rear wheels. This happens automatically when wheelspin is detected, so drivers will need to stab the throttle on some sand or ice where appropriate to get the tires slipping. Groaning or grinding noises in the process may indicate a potentially expensive problem.

THE VERDICT: Used Equinox shoppers will likely find the model comfortable, attractively priced, and roomy — especially compared to some of the smaller, pricier competition from Japan.















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# How (and how not) to speak

Finer points of public speaking are important in all walks of life, says expert

KEITH CARMAN for Metro Canada

#### In socio-political terms, the first quarter of 2010 has proven crucial in learning what not to do.

Amusingly, most of those lessons have come from figures we've been urged to shape our lives after. Many felt unconvinced during golf pro Tiger Woods' public apology for scandalous behaviour. He appeared awkwardly indifferent while reading what was meant to be sincere atonement.

Similarly, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin disgraced himself during the recent Olympics ordeal when American figure skater Evan Lysacek was forced to defend his gold medal win against an insulting, emotionally charged and impulsive attack.

Odd that individuals graced with the finer aspects of keeping up appearances should tarnish themselves so heavily. Yet as Peter Handal, CEO of performance-based workforce development organization Dale Carnegie Training reveals, even the most cultivated of us can slip, especially when speaking in public.

"It's very common for individuals not used to speaking in front of an audience to read and rely upon notes to quell nerves and eliminate awkward silences but it is essential for this to be kept at a minimum if the speaker wants to be perceived as sincere," he notes. "(Woods') speech itself was well-written and included all the hallmarks of a heartfelt, appropriate apology but its delivery before a contrived audience left something to be desired."

In that respect, Handal looks to Lysacek as the epitome of proper public speaking. He got his point across by not relying too heavily upon printed materials, being himself, including the audience in the conversation while keeping it brief, utilizing strong eye contact and injecting his speech with enthusiasm. He also stresses that the overall modus should be to own the topic; know the subject of the presentation well enough to feel comfortable discussing it.

discussing it.

Thankfully, such fundamentals apply to all aspects of public speaking be it in the classroom, lunchroom or boardroom and with any audience from one to one thousand. Furthermore, despite age, gender or background, intent remains



When it comes to public speaking, the best thing to do is own the topic, know your subject, and talk to — not at — your audience.

constant: To speak with people as opposed to at them via sincerity, pacing, enthusiasm and securing their desire to feel important

"If the audience feels they

are trying to be convinced of something, they will immediately go on the defensive and be less receptive to what you have to say," Handal closes. "Talk in terms of (their) interests and use their names often. One Dale Carnegie Training principle states, 'to them, a person's name is the sweetest and most important sound in any language.' Using it often will keep them engaged."

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enough evidence to proceed with the prosecution. In a statement, uCalgary says that it has advised members of the pro-life club that since they are not willing to compromise on their display, they are not welcome on cambus for protests.

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# Private Morgan keeps it lively

30 Rock star calls Death at a Funeral co-stars, Rock and Lawrence his comedy heroes

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When Tracy Morgan signed up for Twitter last October. the online world went wild. But after about a month of regular updates in his signature scatterbrained style, the 30 Rock star went quiet. There's a reason for that, he tells Metro.

"I've always been a private person. I'm from the You got to understand, I'm from a different generation. I don't even know how to use a computer, man," he says. "But if I started using Twitter, it'd be x-rated. 'I'm going up for the upstroke now, coming down on the downstroke. Aside from worries about



**Entertainment** 

Tracy Morgan and Chris Rock star in Death at a Funeral which opens this Friday.

adult-oriented content. Morgan also stays off the micro-blogging site because he doesn't want to waste

good material.

"If they're getting everything right there on Twit-ter, they're not going to come see me do stand-up," he says. "I like to store information and put it on

Morgan says he still does stand-up every weekend, even with the production schedule for his award-winning sitcom 30 Rock and promotional duties for film's like Cop Out and this week's Death Death at a at a Funeral. **Funeral** He's gearing up for a twoopens Friday to-three month standup tour before 30 Rock begins filming its fifth sea-

creased success hasn't slowed him down any. "I'm still out there getting girls pregnant," he says. But first he has to promote Death at a Funeral, his new ensemble comedy

that puts him alongside

son, and he insists his in-

Chris Rock and Martin Lawrence, something Morgan doesn't take for grant-

"Chris Rock and Martin Lawrence are my heroes. Those guys put me to work when I first started as a kid," he says. "They allowed me to stand on their shoulders."

And he's doing his best to keep things lively during the exhausting publicity tour for the film.

"Yesterday during the press junket, I pulled out my jockstrap," he says mat-ter-of-factly. "Because I wear jock straps. I don't wear boxers," he explains.

#### Groundbreaking Betty saying adios to T screens

During its four-year run, ABC's Ugly Betty skewered the New York fashion world, nabbing celebrity cameos from the likes of Lindsay Lohan, Shakira and Isaac Mizrahi.

It turned America Ferwho played the plucky but style-challenged Betty Suarez, into a house-hold name. And it landed a prestigious Peabody

As the credits roll on the wacky dramedy's last episode April 14, Latino, gay rights groups and fans are lamenting more than the loss of Betty's cringe-inducing outfits and the melodrama of the Meade fami-

ly — owners of the show's fictional fashion magazine The Mode. hourlong show was also among the rare network

programs to tackle such controversial issues as gay teens, body image and

illegal immigration. The show contrasted Bet-ty's career at Mode with her working class, Mexiimmigrant family, includ-The series ing her widower father Ignafinale of Ugly cio, her impulsive older **Betty airs** sister Hilda and her thetonight atre-loving, fashexpert nephew Justin, who came out as gay in this last season.

"Having this family at the centre of the show made it normal to watch a Latino family in a non-stereotypical way," Ferrera said in an email to The Associated Press

Lisa Navarrete, a vicepresident for the National Council of La Raza, said the show's absence will leave a void.

"You don't have a lot of Latino-themed shows on TV, so when we lose 'Ugly Betty,' we will have a major loss," she said.

groundbreaking was the show's handling of its gay and transgender characters, said Jarett Barrios, president of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

Although initially played for laughs, Ugly Betty provided a sympathetic portrait of Meade scion Alex who transforms into the stunning Alexis. And it followed the bumpy love life of Mode's gay fashion assistant Marc St. James.

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# Ferrera stays busy

 Ugly Betty will soon be over for its star, America Ferrera but she's got a new project in the works from behind the scenes. Ferrera will serve as executive producer of Pedro & Maria, a multicultural, interactive telenovela in development for MTV television and various web platforms. Pedro & Maria is billed as a bilingual, modern-day version of Romeo & Juliet that will give its audience the ability to vote on the direction the characters and story lines take.



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# A drug tale for Douglas heir

It was the summer of 2009 and Cameron Douglas was strung out on heroin -

Holed up in a trendy Manhattan hotel, the wavward heir to Hollywood royalty - son of Michael, grandson of Kirk — was shooting up sometimes six times a day.

His own stabs at stardom had mostly gone nowhere. But notoriety found him when federal agents showed up at his hotel door to cast him in an unwanted role: methamphetamine trafficker

The 31-year-old's real-life drug drama in a Manhattan court has since laid bare the details of his downward spiral — which friends blame on a toxic mix of privilege, neglect

and a family legacy of substance abuse and his loved ones' deep despair over it.

"I must admit that my immedireaction when I learned of my son's crime was one of guilt," his mother Diandra wrote Cameron Douglas in one of several

letters from supporters asking a federal judge for leniency at a sentencing

scheduled for today.

The Drug Enforcement Administration declines to discuss the investigation.

But court proceedings, in-cluding Douglas' guilty plea, and documents indicate he has given information hopes of being spared a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison.

Douglas grew up "in the shad-

ow of mythic forebears," wrote Nancy Hersch Ingram, Diandra's godmother. "He was a very sweet and shy boy ... That he somehow needed to be 'somebody' was evident, but who should he be?"

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Douglas' lawyers have argued that he deserves three and a half years in prison at most, and he, too, is looking forward to redeeming himself and leading a sober life once he's out.

But a psychiatrist who has treated Douglas, Robert B. Millman, testihas fied that his road to recov-

ery will be rocky.
"I hate to say it, but he needs to be rebuilt," he

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#### Tango with the taxman

While Pamela Anderson tangos on Dancing with the Stars, California officials say she has failed to pay \$493,000 US in personal income tax. Anderson is on the annual list of delinquent taxpayers, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES



# **Celebrity Buzz**

# Celeb**Tweets**

sorry for what she said about Target, **ELIZABETH TAYLOR** is happily single, and CONAN O'BRIEN has a new job.

@RobertsEmma Want to clear something up about a thought I shared in a fashion magazine about my desire to maybe design a clothing line. I did not mean for it to sound like I said Target is cheesy. I love Target and have been going there my whole life.

@DameElizabeth The rumors regarding my engagement simply aren't true. Jason is my manager and dearest friend. I love him with all my heart. @ConanOBrien The good news: I will be doing a show on TBS starting in Novem-

ber! The bad news: I'll be playing Rudy on the all new Cosby Show. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# A hand from Down Under

## THE (LOVE) WIZARD OF OZ?

Jake Gyllenhaal has reportedly found help getting over Reese Witherspoon with Australian actress Isabel Lucas, according to the Toronto Sun

Sources spotted the pair on a romantic date in Montreal recently.

When asked if they were seeing each other, Gyllenhaal said, "It's news to me,



# The single mom blues

LIKE YOU'RE WORKING THE CHECKOUT LINE AND LIVING OFF FOOD COUPONS Responding to her ex-husband's accusations that she's an absentee parent, Kate Gosselin says she has no choice but to work. which takes her away from her eight kids - but that she tries to make every moment with them count that much more, people.com reports.

"I've got to work harder now than ever because I am a single mom," the former Jon & Kate Plus 8 star, 35, said Tuesday on NBC's Today show.

"In my heart I'm always in my kitchen, baking and cooking for my kids, and I'll always be there. It's a struggle to be here (in New York), to be anywhere. The emotion that you see is because I would rather be at home with them.'

But that's not always possible, she says.

"I have to work. I have to provide for them. And it's a struggle that every working mom, especially single moms, go through, and I'm really feeling it now, and it's really hard.

The best she can do, Gosselin says, is carve out as much time with them as possible. She says she leaves Los Angeles, where Dancing with

filmed. every week spend time in Pennsylvania

the Stars is

"If I had 24 hours a day seven days a week

enough time in my book,' she says.

'So, to minus out the working days is really hard. But I make the most of every minute I have with them ... when I'm home, we make those little spots of time really big in our memories.'

Jon and Kate Gosselin are due in court in Pennsylvania on May 25 for a hearing on his motion for full custody of their eight children, the

Associated Press reports. Gosselin's Ion

new lawyer also says his client does not earn enough to warrant the current \$21,700 monthly child support award.

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# Lightening lit up her love

AVRIL WHO? It looks like Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner are betting their rumoured romance will last, as the pair reportedly got matching lightning bolt tattoos together while in

"They showed up to the opening of Mario

Gatecrasher.

Las Vegas, according to

Barth King Ink and requested the same tats,"

a source says. "They were really excited about it. They held hands openly and were kissing in a corner. Brody didn't leave Avril's side all night."

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# Just call him Henry VIII

JUST NEVER GIVE THE MAN AN AXE A fifth woman has come forward claiming a sexual relationship with Jesse James during his marriage to Sandra Bullock, according to Radar Online.

woman, Merilee The Gerth, is a former employee of James' West Coast

Choppers — a position that reportedly led to a big payoff when their tryst soured.
"Merilee had irrefutable

evidence of her affair with Jesse, so they ended up settling out of court," a source says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

# All the things money can buy

TOO BAD CLASS ISN'T ONE OF THEM Steven Seagal's as sistant is suing the former action star for sexual harassment, illegal trafficking of females for sex, failure to prevent sexual harassment. retaliawrongful tion. termination and false representation about employment, according to court papers obtained by Radar Online.

Kayden claims Mr. Nguyen Seagal treated her as his personal sex toy while in Louisiana working on his reality series,

Steven Seagal: Lawman, in which he works for a local sheriff's office.

staff who were available for his sexual needs 24 hours a day, seven days a week," the suit also alleges.

"Mr. Seagal has been keeping two young female Russian 'attendants' on

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# **Baby-making ultimatum**

GET OUT! Renée Zellweger is reportedly drawing a line in the sand with Bradley Cooper, telling the Hangover star that

if he doesn't want to have a baby, they're through. "Renee

is ticking and she's desperate to settle down and have a family," a source says, according to Hollyscoop.
"She has told told Bradley in no uncertain terms that if he doesn't agree

to

knows her biological clock raise a child with her, she sees no future for them as a couple. "Renée is even prepared adopt if she isn't able to get preg-

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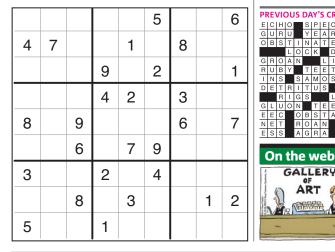


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# **Metro Recipe of the Day**

## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS: 2 7 1 5 8 3 4 9 6

# **French Onion**

#### INGREDIENTS:

Soup

6 cups thinly sliced onions 1 tbsp sugar 1/2 tsp pepper 1/3 cup vegetable oil 6 cups beef broth 8 slices French bread,

toasted 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan or Swiss cheese

1. In Dutch oven, cook onions, sugar and pepper in oil over medium-low heat 20 minutes or until onions are caramelized, stirring frequently. Add

broth; bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 30 minutes. 2. Ladle soup into ovenproof bowls. Top each with slice of French bread; sprinkle with cheese. Broil 4-6 in, from heat until cheese is melted. Serve immediately.

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#### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Make the most of the next 24 hours. With the new moon working in your favor anything you start is sure to be a success.

#### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Cosmic activity in your opposite sign means that the best way to impress other people is to be nice to them. Is that so

# **TAURUS**

APRIL 21-MAY 21 You like to know what makes people tick, but the important question now is what motivates you. Think about it - then make it happen.

#### **SCORPIO** OCT 24-NOV 22

Scorpio is an ambitious sign and you are certainly not afraid of hard work, so roll up your sleeves and get started on a plan or project.

### **GEMINI**

MAY 22-JUNE 21 Make an effort to listen to people today, even people who bore or annoy you. You may find that you have more in common than you think.

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# **SAGITTARIUS**

NOV 23-DEC 21

More than anything else it is your mind that creates your re-ality. Positive thoughts and feelings will inevitably lead to positive results.

### CANCER

 $(\Pi)$ JUNE 22-JULY 22 A new moon at the midheaven angle of your chart means you want to be pushed, you want to show what you can do.

# CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't try to make excuses or shift the blame. Be honest, both with yourself and with other people. It's okay to make mistakes

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You are in no mood to compromise and that's good because the planets say there is no reason why you should. Go your own way, do your own thing.

#### **AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18**

Today's new moon falls in one of the most open and outgoing areas of your chart, so you'll want to go out and have a good time over the next 24 hours.

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

What you see today won't necessarily be what you get. In fact, you should be on your guard as tricksters of one kind or another are on the prowl.



FEB 19-MARCH 20
The urge to spend your way out of your troubles is likely to be overwhelming, but you must resist. Luxuries are not the an-



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